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INTRODUCTION

20.9.1 Information on multiple job holders has been collected on an irregular basis since 1965. Estimates from the survey are used to adjust estimates of employment from the Survey of Employment and Earnings (see Chapter 25 for further information) for use in the Australian National Accounts.

20.9.2 This section describes only those aspects of the methodology that are unique to this survey, and hence should be used in conjunction with the overview part of this chapter, which outlines the survey methodology used in supplementary surveys.

SURVEY OUTPUT

20.9.3 Data from the survey are no longer published, but estimates are available on request. Estimates from previous surveys have been published in **Multiple Jobholding, Australia** (Cat. no. 6216.0).

20.9.4 Data from the survey relate to persons aged 15 and over. The main population of interest is employed persons (excluding contributing family workers and persons working solely for payment in kind) with more than one job who worked as an employee in at least one of their jobs. Estimates are produced on an original basis only (i.e. not seasonally adjusted) and include:

Socio-demographic information Sex, age, marital status, relationship in household, family, geographic region, birthplace and year of arrival in Australia.

Multiple job holders Labour force characteristics of main and second job including status in employment, full-time/part-time status, hours worked, occupation, industry, weekly earnings, and whether worked in second job in the survey reference week.

20.9.5 Data collected in the survey are compiled according to concepts and definitions outlined in Chapter 4 (employment characteristics) and Chapter 15 (socio-demographic information and industry).

SCOPE

20.9.6 The scope of this survey is restricted to persons aged 15 years and over. The standard scope restrictions for supplementary surveys outlined in the overview part of Chapter 20 also apply to this survey.

DATA COMPARABILITY OVER TIME

20.9.7 In order to provide a high degree of consistency and comparability over time, changes to survey methods, survey concepts, data item definitions, frequency of collection, and analysis methods are made as infrequently as possible. Over the time the survey has been conducted there have been some changes to the scope and sample size. These changes mean that the standard errors for the survey differ over time. The effect on estimates of the change in scope is considered to have been small. Changes affecting the Labour Force Survey may also affect this survey. Such changes are outlined in Chapter 19 and are not repeated here.

- 1965** Initial survey conducted (November) - data published in **Multiple Job Holders** (Statistical Bulletin 465).
Survey scope - employed persons aged 14 and over.
Multiple job holders were defined as employed persons holding any kind of second job (may have been working or temporarily absent from that job in the survey reference period). Note: second job excludes occupations such as professional sportsmen, part-time musicians, paid coaches and the like.
Main job was defined as job in which the respondent worked most hours in the reference week.
- 1966** Survey conducted (August) - data published in **Multiple Job Holders** (Statistical Bulletin 564).
Change to survey scope - employed persons aged 15 and over.
Multiple job holders were defined as employed persons holding any kind of second job (may have been working or temporarily absent from that job in the survey reference period) and employed as a wage or salary earner or unpaid family helper in at least one of those jobs. Note: second job excludes occupations such as professional sportsmen, part-time musicians, paid coaches and the like.
- 1967** Survey conducted (August) - data published in **Multiple Job Holders** (Ref. no. 6.10).
- 1971** Survey conducted (May).
Change to survey scope - employed persons aged 15 and over.
Multiple job holders were defined as employed persons holding any kind of second job (may have been working or temporarily absent from that job in the survey reference period) and employed as a wage or salary earner in at least one of those jobs. Note: second job excludes unpaid family helpers.
- 1973** Biennial collection commenced (August).
Preliminary publication introduced - **Multiple Job Holders, Preliminary** (Ref. no. 6.39).
- 1977** Catalogue numbers replaced reference numbers - Cat. no. 6215.0 (preliminary data) and Cat. no. 6216.0 (final data).
Preliminary publication discontinued.
- 1979** Change to definition of main job - job in which the respondent **usually** works most hours in the reference week.
- 1991** Survey conducted in July (this year only).
- 1994** Sample restricted to seven-eighths of the Labour Force Survey sample.
Standard Data Service replaced publication format (Cat. no. changed to 6216.0.40.001).

- 1997** Survey conducted in August.
Publication format replaced Standard Data Service (Cat. no. changed to 6216.0).
Persons living in remote and sparsely settled areas excluded from scope.
- 1998** .
Annual collection commenced (July).
Survey content substantially reduced.
Publication discontinued (data available on request).

FURTHER INFORMATION

20.9.8 For further details contact the Assistant Director, Monthly and Multi-purpose Population Surveys Section, on Canberra (02) 6252 6660.

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